



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - BUILDING DIVISION

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NO PERMIT IS REQUIRED FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS

(Building Code, Administrative Code)

A Permit shall not be required for the types of work in each of the separate classes of permits as listed below. Exemption from permit requirements shall not be considered authorization for any work to be done in violation of the provisions of the Building Codes or any statute, regulation or ordinance of the City, Borough or State.

BUILDING PERMITS - *A Building Permit will not be required for the following:*

- A. One-story detached accessory structures used as tool and storage sheds, playhouses and similar uses, provided the floor area is not greater than 120 square feet for commercial use and 200 square feet for one and two family dwellings.
- B. Group R-3 residential decks not exceeding 200 square feet in area, that are not more than 30 inches above grade at any point, are not attached to a dwelling and do not serve the required exit door from the dwelling.
- C. Except for barriers around swimming pools as required in Appendix G of the One and Two Family Dwelling Code, fences not over seven feet (7'-0") in height.
- D. Oil derricks.
- E. Retaining walls which are not over four feet in height measured from the bottom of the footing to the top of the wall, unless supporting a surcharge or impounding flammable liquids.
- F. Water tanks supported directly upon grade if the capacity does not exceed 5000 gallons and the ratio of height to diameter or width does not exceed two to one (2:1).
- G. Platforms, walks and driveways not more than 30 inches above grade and not over any basement or story below and are not part of an accessible route.
- H. Painting, papering, tiling, carpeting and floor covering, residential cabinets and counter tops, and similar finish work.
- I. Temporary motion picture, television and theater stage sets and scenery.
- J. Prefabricated swimming pools accessory to a Group R-3 occupancy in which the pool walls are entirely above the adjacent grade and are not greater than 5000 gallons and are less than twenty four inches (24") deep.
- K. Swings and other play equipment accessory to detached one and two family dwellings.
- L. Window awnings supported by an exterior wall of Group R-3 and Group U occupancies when projecting not more than fifty four inches (54") and not over 120 square feet in area and do not require additional support.

- M. Moveable cases, counters and partitions not over five feet nine inches (5'-9") high and non-bearing partitions in one and two family residences that do not create a room.
- N. Insulation which is blown or injected into closed wall cavities of existing residences.
- O. Patio covers not exceeding 120 square feet when not attached to one and two family residential structures.
- P. Replacement or repair of exterior siding with like material that is not required to be fire resistant.
- Q. Replacement or repair of roofing, with the same covering which is approved for the application, is not over two layers, and is not required to be fire resistant.
- R. Plastic glazed storm windows.
- S. Insulation up-grades with the exception of rigid foam, which requires fire protective coverings.
- T. Frame covered accessory buildings not more than 120 square feet in area, one story in height and not closer than three feet (3'-0") to property lines, when installed on one and two family residential properties, where the structure is composed of a rigid framework to support a fabric membrane that provides a weather barrier.

Notwithstanding the foregoing exemptions from building permits, separate plumbing, electrical and mechanical permits may be required where applicable.

ELECTRICAL PERMITS - An Electrical Permit will not be required for the following:

- A. Portable motors or other portable appliances energized by means of a cord or cable having an attachment plug end to be connected to an approved receptacle when the cord or cable is permitted by the Electrical Code.
- B. Repair or replacement of fixed motors, transformers or fixed appliances of the same type and rating in the same location.
- C. Listed cord-and-plug connected temporary decorative lighting.
- D. Repair or replacement of current-carrying parts of any switch, contactor, or control device.
- E. Reinstallation of attachment plug receptacles, but not the outlets therefore.
- F. Repair or replacement of any over-current device of the required capacity in the same location.
- G. Repair or replacement of electrodes or transformers of the same size and capacity for signs or gas tube systems.
- H. Taping joints

- I. Removal of electrical wiring.
- J. Temporary wiring for experimental purposes.
- K. The wiring for temporary theater, motion picture or television stage sets.
- L. A permit shall not be required for the installation, alteration or repair of electrical wiring, apparatus or equipment or the generation, transmission, distribution or metering of electrical energy or in the operation of signals or the transmission of intelligence by a public or private utility in the exercise of its function as a serving utility.

MECHANICAL PERMITS - A Mechanical Permit will not be required for the following:

- A. Any portable heating appliance.
- B. Any portable ventilating equipment.
- C. Any portable cooling unit.
- D. Any portable evaporative cooler.
- E. Replacement of any component part or assembly of an appliance or equipment which does not alter its original approval and complies with other applicable requirements of the Specialty Codes.
- F. Any self-contained refrigeration system, as defined in the Mechanical Code and Building Code, containing less than ten pounds (10 lbs.) of refrigerant, or that is actuated by motors of one horsepower (1 hp) or less.

PLUMBING PERMITS - A Plumbing Permit will not be required for the following:

- A. The stopping of leaks in drains, soil, waste or vent pipe, provided however, that should any concealed trap, drainpipe, soil, waste or vent pipe become defective and it becomes necessary to remove and replace the same with new material, the same shall be considered as new work and a permit shall be procured and inspection made as provided in the Code.
- B. The clearing of stoppages or the repairing of leaks in pipes, valves or fixtures, provided such repairs do not involve or require the replacement or rearrangement of valves, pipes or fixtures.

If you have any additional questions regarding whether or not a project will require a building permit, please contact the Building Official at 228-4737, or the Building Inspector at 228-4720.